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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Before the Board of Appeals and Interferences

In re the Application of

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**For: STRUCTURE OF A PROSTHESIS INTENDED TO BE IMPLANTED
IN A HUMAN OR ANIMAL PASSAGE AND PROSTHESIS WITH
SUCH A STRUCTURE**

REPLY BRIEF

On Appeal From Group Art Unit 3731

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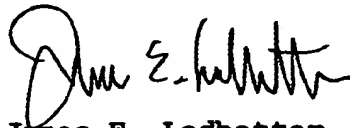
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disclose these features with respect to claims 21, 23-25, 28, 32, 34-36 and 39. Therefore, allowance of claims 21, 23-25, 28, 32, 34-36 and 39 is warranted.

In view of the law and facts stated herein and the Main Brief, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims define patentable subject matter. Therefore, reversal of all outstanding grounds of the objections and rejections is respectfully solicited.

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